

Richard Endres Named Small Business Person of the Year

Saint Francis Small Business Development Center held its 2010 Small Business Awards Ceremony on June 9, 2010 at the JFK Student Center on the Saint Francis Campus. This year's awards recognized five entrepreneurs and small business advocates in the Southern Alleghenies Region. Local business owner, Richard Endres of E.B. Endres, Inc. was recognized as the Small Business Person of the Year. E.B. Endres, Inc. has shown tremendous growth under Mr. Endres's leadership, nearly quadrupling its revenues in the past five years. The company has also been recognized numerous times for its millwork designs and installations. The business has been operating in Huntingdon County since 1928 and currently employs twenty-five people.

Also recognized were Deb Toothman, Independent Longaberger Branch Leader for the Women In Business Advocate Award; Paul Cooney of Altoona-Blair County Development Corp for the Financial Services Advocate Award; Devin Mullen of Your Jewelry Box, LLC for the Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award; and Eileen Melvin of United Metal Fabricators for the Small Business Exporter of the Year Award. Senator John Wozniak was awarded the Richard Crawford Award for his work as an area legislator who is dedicated to the promotion and development of Economic Development in the Southern Alleghenies Region.

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